IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 138, line 8, with the following paragraph:

A specific substrate was synthesized based on the cleavage specificity of HCMV protease at the "maturation site" of the assembly protein (F. Liu and B. Roizman, *J. Virol.* **65,** 5149 (1991), and A.R. Welch, et al, *J. Virol.*, **65** 4091 (1991)). The assembly protein maturation site has the sequence . . . AGVVNA*SCRLATA. . . . (SEQ ID NO. 1); the substrate used was dabcycl-Abu-GVVNASARLA-edans (SEQ ID NO. 2) (**DE2**). Upon excitation at 360 nm the edans chromophore emitted light (fluoresces) at 490 nm that was absorbed by the dabcyl chromophore (Emax = 460 nm). However, when the two chromophores are separated because of hydrolysis of the peptide moiety by HCMV protease the edans fluorescence was no longer quenched and an increase in fluorescence was realized. **DE2** was stored as a stock solution at 160 µg/ml in dimethyl sulfoxide. This was diluted 10-fold with assay buffer to give a concentration of 16 µg/ml just before use. An aliquot of 50 µL was used in the reaction.